

## OPEN LETTER TO RALLY COMPETITORS

### Reasons why you should enter the 2022 AGL Rally SA – Rally of the Heartland

Planning your programme for 2022? We thought we'd help you with a few reasons why you should include the RotH in your planning.

- **The AGL Rally SA – Rally of the Heartland is just unique**  
It's a near 500km competitive special stage rally for classic rally cars and others running on excellent Council and private roads and tracks in the Heartland of South Australia – the Mid North. The RotH is a serious competitive event over 2.5 days, offering tough, demanding competition on unique roads. Special Stages in Wind farm precincts, up to 85km stages on council roads and challenging night stages.
- **The Mid North – the Heartland - is just spectacular**  
The RotH runs in early June when the weather is cold and the countryside at its best. The event runs across a variety of terrains, from Wind Farms on the ridge tops around Hallett to Council roads through areas north, south, east and west of Burra. It's not just the terrain that changes – the vegetation and animals change too.
- **Mid North hospitality is just great**  
Our Service Park is in the heart of Burra at Historic Paxton Square and on the Community School Oval – step out of your room into your service area.
- **It's very relaxed – we really go out of our way to get out of your way**  
This is a "blind" event. It is a road book only rally. No local testing, no recce, no pace notes, tyres not mandated, no parc fermé (except SARC), Regional scrutiny allowed and in fact encouraged and competition is on Friday afternoon/ Saturday/ Sunday only
- **The RotH is well organised, well run and well presented**  
The team is well experienced in running long-distance rallies and many of our officials have been with us for 20 years or more – so there is a lot of experience there to keep things running smoothly. Importantly though, it's not just us who say the RotH is well run – it is the competitors. Many have returned for each event. See some commentary here:- <http://www.aglrallysa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/126929-Rally-SA-2019-A4-PROOF2.pdf>
- **There is a high level of safety and protection**  
With up to 6 MIV vehicles on course, local ambulance and support services available and police in support you are assured of the highest level of safety that can be provided in a competitive event. Course opening vehicles are there in case of changes to course conditions and Rallysafe is compulsory for all entrants. Additionally, we have two radio communication systems in play always. Our own, run from Rally Control, and another entirely separate, run by the Wireless Institute Civil Emergency Network (WICEN)
- **The RotH makes a fantastic substitute for the Classic Outback Trial/The Lock and Load Alpine**  
Remember, there will not be a COT, nor an Alpine in 2022. We provide a fantastic opportunity to still go long distance rallying.
- **There is a very high proportion of competition**  
It has been the top event in Australia in terms of Kms/\$\$ - yes #1. It will be near **500km** this year. We have stages ranging from 2.5 to 85 kilometres long. So, plenty of competition, great bang for buck, pretty much all in one weekend.
- **We support the local community together**  
AGL Energy is a very worthy partner that provides valuable support to the communities through which the event passes. AGL Energy is not just a naming rights sponsor. They are an integral and visible part of the RotH, providing the Community Breakfast and Lunch for competitors as well as community, and the event and crews support local schoolchildren via the traditional toy drive
- **Commentary from 2021 entrant Mark Beard (event Ambassador)**  
[This amazing event is a must for the true rally enthusiast.](#)

Burra & surrounding areas offer magnificent roads, a sensational super special stage along with very long challenging stages on smooth shire roads. This event is extremely well run & rally crew friendly offering breakfast for the driver & co driver included in your entry fee & minimal amount for your service crew. Approximately 135 kilometres of competitive stages just Saturday Night was yet another highlight.

To be perfectly honest, it's very difficult to pick my favourite stage as every stage was exceptional on the smooth non-car breaking roads.

Driving through the fast-smooth wind farm stages such an experience & so much fun.

Finally, in the RoTH events I have found the accident rate is minimal. I think in this year's event only one car had an excursion & still finished the event.

Full credit goes to the event organisation & the drivers & co drivers.

That is something that is extremely rare in any rallies.

I would thoroughly recommend everyone to travel & compete in this event, you will not be disappointed.

Kind Regards  
Mark Beard.

**Finally, don't leave it until it's too late! Entry limit is 70 cars.** If you are thinking of competing don't leave it until the last minute to enter – you might miss out. A guaranteed starting spot can be reserved by a non-refundable nomination fee payment of \$200 inc tax, which would come off the entry fee – contact [nancye@rallysa.com.au](mailto:nancye@rallysa.com.au) to book a spot

Cheers Ivar

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1<sup>st</sup> outright 2021 - Andrew & David TRAVIS – Nissan Gazelle

